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Response to Office Action

Customer No. 01933

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): J. TAKEDA et al  
Serial No. : 10/618,423  
Filed : July 11, 2003  
For : CONNECTOR  
Art Unit : 2833  
Examiner : Truc T. Nguyen

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed  
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Monday, May 24, 2004.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-16 are  
amended.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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